

2015 Awards: Worst Match of the Year

It's not the Divas for once.

This is actually a tricky one as it depends more on your definition of the word "worst". So often, a match that is described as the worst is really more boring than anything else. It's kind of rare to have a match that really is horrible, but often times boring is a lot worse than bad. Therefore, your mileage might vary here.

We'll start with a match that actually was bad, at least in its booking: Seth Rollins vs. Brock Lesnar from Night of Champions. This was a nine minute squash with Brock squashing the champ and then a screwy finish as Undertaker came back to get revenge for a match he lost clean a year and a half ago. The story made sense, but I see no need to have the World Champion get DESTROYED to get there. At least have Seth cheat to get in some offense or something, but don't have him get beaten down that badly. He's the World Champion for a reason.

Then we have a match that might take this one running away: TNA's Gauntlet for the Gold at Bound For Glory. No matter how you look at this, it was a twenty four minute Royal Rumble with 12 names (one of which was Pope, who eliminated himself), including Mahabali Shera, Chris Melendez, Tommy Dreamer, Aiden O'Shea and the winner, earning a World Title shot at some point in the future, Tyrus. This was stupid booking (setting up Tyrus as a title contender), stupid planning (the show never recovered after this mess) and just bad in general. We'll come back to this idea in a bit.

We'll go back to the mess at TripleMania XXIII with Los Villanos vs. Los Psycho Circus. This was the Villanos' (youngest member: 50) retirement match as a trio and the match made them look older than their ages. The match was a disaster and the technical issues weren't any help either. However, I can put this one lower on the bad list because what was supposed to happen here? One team is over 150 years old combined so what

are they supposed to really do out there? Yeah it's a disaster, but it's a disaster that I feel sorry for.

One more thing before we get to the worst match: I've seen a lot of loathing for the Intercontinental Title Elimination Chamber match. I really don't get this as I found the match to be totally watchable. It's completely forgettable and was boring at times, but one of the worst matches of the year? Really? The right guy won, the lineup was decent enough and the match wasn't horrible. I really don't get the hate for this as it's really more middle of the road than bad.

Then there's the match that I think you know is coming: the Royal Rumble. This was the 1993 version all over again as everyone in the arena knew Reigns (Yokozuna) was winning and Daniel Bryan (Undertaker), the only person with a prayer of eliminating him, was taken out early, leaving the crowd to be bored for the rest of the match.

On top of that, you had what looked like a hot finish with a bunch of promising talent in there near the end. Here's the final ten in the match: Reigns, Rusev, Big Show, Kane, Ambrose, Wyatt, Ziggler, Cesaro, Barrett and Swagger. Save for Big Show and Kane, that could be one heck of a hot finish as the new generation shows that they can take this thing over.

And never mind as Big Show and Kane took out Swagger, Ziggler, Wyatt and Ambrose before being dumped by Reigns at the same time in a moment that was done way better when Shawn Michaels eliminated Yokozuna and Vader in 1996 (a good way to do a Rumble where everyone knew who was winning).

This was a complete disaster with the Rock not even able to save it. Unfortunately this continued Reigns' push to the main event of Wrestlemania WAY before people wanted to see it (though at least they were smart enough to not pull the trigger just yet). The match was just boring throughout and saves the Gauntlet for the Gold by having so many of the same problems but at over double the time. This one wins and I'm almost scared to look at it again for the redo.

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